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CENTRAL FAX CENTERApplication No. 10/069,027  
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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A therapeutic appliance for treating dissecting aortic aneurysms, said appliance comprising: providing  
a stretchable bag-like element provided on and along the  
an end portion of a catheter, said stretchable bag-like element  
5 having an inside film and an outside film which are partially and  
directly joined;

wherein said bag-like element being in the form of is shaped  
as a flat film when not holding a fluid inside and in the form of  
is shaped as a tube when holding a fluid inside, and the inside  
10 film and outside film that compose said bag-like element are  
partially and directly joined.

2. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 1, wherein joining of the films is in the form of the  
inside film and the outside film are joined at a plurality of  
linearly linear joined portions parallel to the an axis of the  
5 catheter, and wherein with the exception of the linear joined  
portions do not extend to a front edge and a rear edge of the  
bag-like element.

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3. (Currently Amended) A therapeutic appliance for treating dissecting aortic aneurysms, said appliance comprising: ~~providing~~

a stretchable bag-like element provided on and along the an end portion of a catheter, said bag-like element being

5 substantially rectangular; ~~and~~

wherein said bag-like element ~~being in the form of~~ is shaped ~~as~~ a flattened film when not holding a fluid inside and ~~in the form of~~ is shaped as a flat plate when holding fluid in a free load state.

4. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 3, wherein:

the bag-like element comprises an inside film and an outside film which are partially and directly joined,

5 ~~joining of the films is in the form of the inside film and the outside film are joined at~~ a plurality of ~~linearly~~ linear joined portions parallel to ~~the~~ an axis of the catheter, ~~and~~

~~with the exception of the~~ linear joined portions do not extend to a front edge and a rear edge of the bag-like element.

5. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 3, wherein a spring material is provided perpendicular

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to an axis of the catheter and that applies force to at least the  
leading a front edge and a rear edge of the bag-like element so  
5 as to wrap the bag-like element around the catheter in the free  
load state, ~~is arranged so as to be perpendicular to axis of the~~  
~~catheter.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according  
to claim 1, ~~having further comprising~~ an additional film on the  
an outside surface of the bag-like element, and wherein said  
additional film ~~composes~~ defines a space between the additional  
5 film and the outside film for holding fluid therein. ~~that allows~~  
~~the holding of fluid inside with the outside film that composes~~  
~~the bag-like element.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according  
to claim 4, wherein a spring material is provided perpendicular  
to the axis of the catheter and that applies force to at least  
~~the leading the front~~ edge and the rear edge of the bag-like  
5 element so as to wrap the bag-like element around the catheter  
when the bag-like element is not filled with fluid. ~~in the free~~  
~~load state, is arranged so as to be perpendicular to axis of the~~  
~~catheter.~~

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8. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 2, having further comprising an additional film on the an outside surface of the bag-like element, and wherein said additional film ~~composes~~ defines a space between the additional  
5 film and the outside film for holding fluid therein. ~~that allows the holding of fluid inside with the outside film that composes the bag-like element.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 3, having further comprising an additional film on the an outside surface of the bag-like element, and wherein said additional film ~~composes~~ defines a space between the additional  
5 film and the outside film for holding fluid therein. ~~that allows the holding of fluid inside with the outside film that composes the bag-like element.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 4, having further comprising an additional film on the an outside surface of the bag-like element, and wherein said additional film ~~composes~~ defines a space between the additional  
5 film and the outside film for holding fluid therein. ~~that allows the holding of fluid inside with the outside film that composes the bag-like element.~~

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11. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 5, ~~having further comprising~~ an additional film on the an outside surface of the bag-like element, and wherein said additional film ~~composes~~ defines a space between the additional  
5 film and the outside film for holding fluid therein. ~~that allows the holding of fluid inside with the outside film that composes the bag-like element.~~